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VIOLENCE ON CYPRUS

I. Violence on Cyprus has increased in range
and intensity during last three weeks.

A. Nationalist extremists have ambushed
British military patrols, attacked mil-
itary posts and military vehicles:
during past three weeks at least 7
British soldiers killed, many more
wounded.

B. Thusfar, only incident involving US
residents [redacted]

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25X1A6a [redacted] came on
24 November, when bomb was thrown at
pickup truck driven by American.

1. No damage resulted, and driver
gained impression from "demon-
strators" (to whom he protested)
he'd been mistaken for Britisher.

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- C. Nonetheless, US vehicles being kept off roads at night; personnel remaining indoors. Extended duty periods in US installations (from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M.) being taken by single men, who eat and sleep at stations. Our officials estimate some deterioration of service.
- D. No indication as yet that US personnel will be targets for terrorists, but possibility of accidental involvement naturally exists.

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